

In the claims:

Please add claims 24 - 29. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

An isolated DNA

1. (currently amended) ~~A DNA~~ selected from the group consisting of:
(a) DNA comprising the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1; and
(b) DNA that is the complement of DNA that is capable of hybridization to a DNA of (a) under conditions of high stringency and which is ~~at least 98% identical to SEQ ID NO:1~~ encodes a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.

An isolated

2. (original) ~~DNA~~ comprising nucleotide residues 112-585 of SEQ ID NO:1.
3. (previously presented) The DNA of claim 1, comprising a polynucleotide that encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
4. (original) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 1.
5. (original) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 2.
6. (original) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 3.
- An isolated host cell*
7. (original) ~~A host cell~~ comprising the vector of claim 4.
- An isolated host cell*
8. (original) ~~A host cell~~ comprising the vector of claim 5.
- An isolated host cell*
9. (original) ~~A host cell~~ comprising the vector of claim 6.
10. (original) A process for preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim 7 under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide.

Claims 11 through 23 cancelled.

- 11 24. (new) A DNA comprising a polynucleotide that encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 wherein the polypeptide has ~~an~~ amino terminus selected from the group consisting of

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C27

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amino acids 1 through 5, and a carboxy terminus selected from the group consisting of amino acids 153 through 157, of SEQ ID NO:2.

12 25. (new) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim ¹¹24.

An isolated host cell

C 13 26. (new) ~~A host cell~~ comprising the vector of claim ¹²25.

14 27. (new) A process for preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim 8 under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide.

15 28. (new) A process for preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim 9 under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide.

16 29. (new) A process for preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim ¹³28 under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide.